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Competitive Product Prices
Global Expedited Package Services 6 (MC2016-149)
Negotiated Service Agreement

Docket No. CP2016-189

PUBLIC REPRESENTATIVE COMMENTS ON
NOTICE AND ORDER CONCERNING ADDITIONAL
GLOBAL EXPEDITED PACKAGE SERVICES 6
NEGOTIATED SERVICE AGREEMENT

(June 8, 2016)

Introduction

In response to Order No. 3334¹, the Public Representative hereby comments on the “Notice of the United States Postal Service of Filing a Functionally Equivalent Global Expedited Package Services 6 Negotiated Service Agreement (Notice).”²

The Notice attempts to demonstrate that the subject agreement is functionally equivalent to the baseline contract that is subject of Docket No. CP2016-188. *Id* at 2-3. The Postal Service states that this contract is “substantially similar” to that agreement and as a result of its functional equivalence “should be added to the competitive product list as a GEPS 6 contract.” *Notice* at 3.

The Notice, however, mentions differences between the contract and the baseline contract, which include customer name and address, negotiated revenue commitment, identification of the customer’s representative to receive notices, and revisions to Annex 1 and Annex 2. *Notice* at 5. The Postal Service states, however, that these differences do not alter the contracts’ functional equivalency. *Id.* at 4.

Discussion

¹ Notice and Order Concerning Additional Global Expedited Package Services 3 Negotiated Service Agreement. May 31, 2016.

² Notice of United States Postal Service of Filing a Functionally Equivalent Global Expedited Package Services 3 Negotiated Service Agreement and Application for Non-Public Treatment of Materials Filed Under Seal, December 18, 2015 (Notice).

The GEPS 6 contracts provide incentives for mailers that send products directly to foreign destinations using Priority Mail Express International, Priority Mail International, or First Class Package International Service. *Notice at 4.* Prices offered under the contracts may differ depending on the volume or postage commitments made by the customers. *Id.* Prices also may differ depending upon when the agreement is signed, due to the incorporation of updated costing information. *Id.*

The contract is intended to become effective on June 15, 2016. *Notice at 3.* The duration of the contract extends for one calendar year from the effective date. *Id.*

Conclusion

The Public Representative, after accessing and comparing materials the United States Postal Service submitted under seal in this matter and the corresponding baseline agreement, acknowledges that the present GEPS 6 contract is functionally equivalent to the baseline contract that is subject of CP2016-188.

The Public Representative respectfully submits the preceding comments for the Commission's consideration.

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